

The  
**South African Library for the Blind**  
GRAHAMSTOWN

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BRAILLE BOOKS  
MOON TYPE BOOKS  
MUSIC  
TALKING BOOK RECORDS

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**24th ANNUAL REPORT**

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*1st January, 1947—31st December, 1947.*

# The South African Library for the Blind.

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# TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the South African Library for the Blind was held in St. George's Hall on April 21st, 1948.

Mr. C. E. Espin, Chairman of the Council, presided and conveyed the welcome of all present and others interested in the Library to Mr. Justice Hoexter. There was no need to introduce him to a Grahamstown audience; ever since he had been transferred to the Supreme Court he had taken a deep interest in Grahams-town's social, literary, educational and sporting activities, and the Library deeply appreciated the honour conferred upon it by his becoming one of its patrons, and they still more keenly appreciated his real and active interest in the institution, which it was well to remember was the only Library for the Blind in the whole of Africa; that fact could not be emphasised too often, and but for the devoted work of those associated with it, it could never have attained its present position. He sometimes felt it did not get the wide publicity it deserved; it was really lamentable that the value and extent of its work for the blind was not more widely known; every blind individual had its services available free of cost; there was no subscription for the use of its books—all that was asked was that the postage should be paid.

The chairman then called on Miss Josie Wood to submit her report as secretary.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We welcomed the Administrator of the Cape; also Mr. Justice Hoexter, Mr. Justice Lewis and the Mayor of Grahamstown as patrons.

We regret the death of Lady Duncan at one time patroness-in-chief of the library, Mr. Justice Gutsche, one of our patrons and of Lieut-Colonel Fuller who was honorary treasurer of the library for some years.

**Staff.**—Miss Krause, who has been on the staff for some 27 years has been far from well for some time and has been on three months sick leave. She was greatly missed. We have been fortunate in having the services of Miss Ross who is on an extended visit from Scotland. She has been of the greatest help, not only in the Braille department but in carrying on in the talking book department when needed and also with the rearrangement of Braille and Moon books when the talking book records were moved upstairs.

## VISITORS.

We were glad that Mr. Rae was able to bring the Administrator, Mr. J. C. Carinus, to see the library. Visitors from other libraries included Mr. Robinson, Secretary of the S.A. Libraries' Association, Public Library Capetown, Mr. Kennedy, the librarian and Mr. Matthew from the Johannesburg Public Library and Mrs. Mounts, the librarian from Waikuku, Hawaii, and Dr. and Mrs. Vail from Philadelphia. We had the Director of the Bureau for the Prevention of Blindness, Mr. Wentworth. Local visitors included a number of Rhodes students and contingents from Macdonald House, V.G.H.S. We regretted that Sir Ian Fraser was unable to visit Grahamstown, but glad we were able to supply him with some new "Reader's Digest" towards the end of his visit.

## BOOKS.

We added 465 volumes (including gifts) and after discarding 31, we had 11,434 at the end of the year. Besides fiction, there were books of travel, biography, religion, history, science, poetry and plays. There were juvenile books and books for beginners, music and theory of music. In Braille, from America we had among others: "Skipper the Guide Dog," "Mozart," "Queen Victoria's Daughters," "Southern Gates of Arabia." From the National Institute, London, we had "Footprints in Malaya," "Once in Sinai," "The Hundredth Year." A New Anthology of Modern Verse (1920-1940). By special request we bought "Greek Braille Code" and a First Greek Book, also books on Physio Therapy and Electro Therapy. In Moon type, we added "Whereas I was Blind" by Sir Ian Fraser and some detective stories and other fiction.

**On Loan.**—We also had books on loan from the National Library, London. Last year we had 24 books (130 volumes). These included detective stories and also some simple love stories so much in demand. The National Library has always been most generous in lending us books free of charge, but they now feel that libraries using their books should pay 10/- a head. We only circulate their books among quick readers so that some 50 borrow through us. (Other readers borrow books direct from them and should consider sending direct subscriptions.)

**Durban Books.**—In 1930 Durban "Our Own Blind Society" handed over their books to us. This year we have tried to replace those that were worn out or in obsolete Braille. Unfortunately some are out of print.

**Circulation.**—During the year we circulated 7,502 volumes and 7,513 magazines.

**Magazines.**—We now take 39 magazines. These include four new ones: Braille Notes and News, Braille Musician, Physiotherapy and Searchlight.

## TRANSCRIBERS.

Our transcribers are putting in splendid work for the library. Miss Canning did "Rebecca," "Molly-Make-Believe," "A Daughter of the Samurai," "Cluny Brown," "Britannia Mews," "Ouma Smuts," "Sarah Elizabeth" and "The Egg and I." Thirty-two volumes in the year. Mr. Millard did "The Butterfly Man" and "The Four Feathers," Mrs. Leach "The Road to Avalon." Mrs. Ratsey "Skeleton Coast" and "African Drums." Mrs. Rose Innes "Come Wind, Come Weather." Miss Bishop "Most Secret." Miss Bishop is an experienced teacher and proof-reader from the National Library, London. She has given valuable help. Miss Watson has not only re-copied worn-out Braille books in "Marietta" and "The People of the Mist" but has done proof reading and teaching beside editing and brailleing two copies of the quarterly magazine "Braille Notes and News." (This popular magazine is greatly appreciated and never on the shelves.) In the Outspan of January 3, 1947, Miss Watson wrote an article "The A.B.C. of the Blind" in which she appealed for people to take up Braille transcription. There were several applications and she is training those who are keen enough to carry on.

We are grateful to the Guild of Church Braillists for nine books done by their voluntary subscribers, to S.P.G. for "East and West Reviews,"

and to readers for Pandas and for magazines in good condition. We also appreciate the loan of printed books needed for transcription into Braille.

### MUSIC RECORDS.

We added a number of records belonging to the late Mr. Webster up to the value of £60. Besides these, Mrs. von Linsingen very kindly gave us 34 records of good music. One reader writes "Thank you ever so much for the beautiful records which you sent me. As I told you before, we were quite a few blind people who could listen to them, so that they afforded much pleasure." When Mrs. K. du P. Blore left Grahamstown she gave us her record cupboard and it has proved most useful.

### READERS.

Two readers died during the year leaving us 321 (the same number as the previous year). Actually 27 new people asked for "Moon Made Easy" or for Grade I Braille, but we heard no more from them. From time to time five schools and institutions have borrowed books and it is not possible to say how many read the books. Several of the schools have their own libraries, but the pupils write to us for special books or music for study purposes or for lighter books for holiday reading. We have many appreciative letters. One reader says: "I have become a real book worm now that I have come in contact with your library. I laughed and I cried, and I also felt excited for joy, and I realise that sometimes 'Love is blind.'" Another reader says: "I'm glad you have the new books in Afrikaans. I shall be glad to borrow them all in turn. She hopes 'one day to be able to undertake the transcription of some Afrikaans books as it will be quite a grand thing to do.'"

### TALKING BOOK DEPARTMENT.

At the end of the year we had the names of 79 people using the records. Two had died but seven others had joined. Some of the new readers are South Africans who have returned from training at St. Dunstan's, England. We bought 1,001 new records during the year including 73 replacements. Then we had eight boxes returned unopened from the Westfort Institution as the superintendent said the patients were not interested. Some of these had been given by the National Institute for the Blind and they presented them to us so that in all another 121 records were added. At the end of the year we had 10,630 records (689 book titles) as compared with 9,508 the year before. The number of breakages was considerably smaller than the year before—56 as compared with 84, although our circulation increased from 25,877 records to 29,464. This includes the records of the "Reader's Digest." Each digest contains 15 records. They are very popular. After they have been out a number of times they are returned to America to be repulped.

Among the popular additions to this section are "Marguerite de Valois" (Dumas) in 21 records, "Coroner's Pidgin" (Allingham) in II and "Visitors to Hugo" (Rosman) in 13.

After long delay and much difficulty in obtaining the steel shelves and in having them set up, we were able to move upstairs in May. The lift has been a great help in moving the heavy books up and down. We have been very short of fibre cases and were not able to get them from England even at the high price of 25s. each, but fortunately we were able to get 100 from America at a dollar



each. It is a great saving of time and labour to have enough cases and they certainly protect the records in the post. Mr. Meaker has got his new machine through St. Dunstan's and has very kindly presented his old one to the library. It is a great help in testing the records and in demonstrating the reading from them.

It is interesting to note in every few years the library expands. In 1919, all the books were contained in one shelf in one small room. By 1925, the room was overflowing and in August of that year, Mr. Advocate Bowen opened the library in its own building which included three flats. In 1937, the ground floor flat was absorbed and was called the "Godlonton Wing" and in 1947 we started in one of the two upstairs flats. The number of readers and books has grown and this has meant a larger staff to cope with the enormous amount of clerical work entailed in circulating books and records by post.

**Valuation.**—In the new valuation of property, that of the library building and ground was doubled, namely, from £1,230 to £2,460.

**Bequests.**—From the estate of the late H. J. King £417 18s. 9d. and from that of the late George Game £500.

### SPECIAL GIFTS.

The list of grants, collections, donations, etc., will be published with the report, but I should like to mention special gifts. Mrs. Paddon gave us £20 to have labels printed in colour hoping that the colour would draw attention to the boxes. A picture of a small blind boy reading Braille and a suitable appeal was printed in black and red and the new labels are being sent to the various

public libraries and other institutions that have collecting boxes for our funds. We have received £91 14s from boxes in public libraries. King William's Town, Pretoria and Aliwal North headed the list.

Mrs Howell and her sisters sent us £30 in memory of a sister. The money is to be used to help the blind by providing shelves or books which are to be inscribed "In memory of E. M. J. Cochran" The East London Readers' Union has sent £1 10s. to buy books in memory of two of their members, Mrs. A. A. Carie and Mrs. C. de Jean. Mr. Samuel Thomson has sent £50. Of that £25 is for the Staff Provident Fund and £25 to start a fund for talking book machines. Mrs. Sumner has also contributed to the latter fund. Worcester School for the Blind has sent us a number of Afrikaans books printed at their institute. Their production is mainly text-books for their own students. They are to be congratulated on four students taking matriculaion and all getting first class passes. Other schools that have helped are the Anzac Government School at Brakpan, the Johannesburg High School for Girls (Barnato Park), Queenstown High School (Burt House). Locally, Macdonald House (V.G.H.S.) and Cornish House (D.S.G.). Miss L. Mullins following Miss Nonie Mullins' kindly practice made 400 badges to be sold at St Andrew's sports. We had help from Scouts and Guides in Molteno and from Rovers in Grahamstown.

The Grahamstown Eastern Areas Bowling Association gave us two generous donations. The Women's League of Help arranged a street collection. Mr. Meaker again brailled playing cards for readers.

## GRATEFUL THANKS.

We are very grateful to all who have helped us, to many public and private donors. Grants from the Social Welfare Department, from St. Dunstan's, from the four Provincial Councils, from two divisional councils and three municipalities. We owe much to the local Standard Bank, to the E.P. Guardian Loan and Investment Company, and to the local Press, but not least to the local Post Office. We are well aware how much extra work comes to the officials through our postal work and we are very grateful for their patience and co-operation.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Whiteley to read the Treasurer's report which he amplified in the following statement: Our total income for the year ended December 31 last was £1,823—£14 less than for 1946. On the other hand our total expenditure amounted to £1,965, a decrease compared with the previous year of £46. The nett result, therefore, was a deficit of £142, whereas for 1946 it amounted to £174. Turning to individual items, our donations, subscriptions and collections totalled £972, a satisfactory increase of £49, while interest and dividends at £146 showed an increase of £39, but some of this was due to interest for 1946 not brought into account until 1947.

Collections from Government, Provincial and Divisional Councils and Municipalities totalled £619, a disappointing decrease of £48. We are making efforts to obtain increased grants from these sources. Our only other item of revenue, rents, showed a decrease of £54 due to the fact that we now only let one of our flats, the other being required for additional library accommodation.

The only items of expenditure calling for remark are salaries and wages which, at £1,130 were £177 in excess of the 1946 figure, due to increased staff. Alterations and repairs which only cost £88 against £353 for 1946, and depreciation which absorbed £399, or £32 more than in 1946.

Our receipts from bequests and special donations which are credited to capital account, totalled £1,046—£399 more than in 1946, so that the gross amount we received as the result of public support was £2,018, which was £448 more than in 1946.

## SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

These results may be considered satisfactory under present conditions, continued Mr. Whiteley, but when we are able to extend our activities we shall require considerably more support from the public and from official bodies if we are to avoid making greater inroad on our capital fund than has been the case during the past two years.

Turning to the balance sheet, the only items which call for comment are on the credit side. Staff Provident Fund which in spite of a withdrawal of £180 is only £4 less than it was last year. Staff Savings Fund, which now amounts to £404, and Capital Account which owing to bequests and special donations now totals £9,203, an increase over last year of £904. The debit side shows that we expended £584 on capital account, made up of £82 on books and cases, £343 on talking book records and equipment and £159 on furniture and equipment necessitated by the extension of library space.

Fortunately we are in a position to meet any expenditure which seems likely to be needed in the near future, as our total investments and cash balances at December 31 last amounted to just over £4,000, exclu-

sive of an amount of £1,000 earmarked for Afrikaans talking books. That we have this satisfactory amount available is due to the fact that since 1939 our purchase of books and equipment have of necessity been limited. When we are able to obtain supplies freely we shall need both more capital gifts and increased revenue if we are to continue to render efficient service to those whose needs we endeavour to supply.

The reading of the Treasurer's statement was received with renewed applause.

Mr. Justice Hoexter, in addressing the meeting, said that when he was invited to speak at the annual meeting he called at the Library and explained to Miss Wood that he would rather give three judgments than make one public speech. Miss Wood did not argue, but suggested he might like to see the work of the Library. He soon realised how much the library must mean to those without sight and he could not resist the appeal.

He was greatly impressed by the number and variety of the books, even a "First Greek Book." He wondered whether the Braille alphabet was easier to decipher than the original Greek alphabet. He was also impressed by the many Talking Book Records available for those who could not read by touch. These records must be an inestimable boon, though he could not help speculating as to what Bernard Shaw's reaction would be if he found there were no fewer than 17 Shakespeare plays while Bernard Shaw was only represented by three.

Mr. Justice Hoexter went on to express the hope that it would be found possible to increase the number of Afrikaans works available for the blind, and he ventured the suggestion that this aspect should be specially stressed in connection with any application for increased aid from the

Provincial Council of the O.F.S. He recalled that at the previous annual meeting speakers referred to the very heavy incidence of blindness among the non-European population; it had to be remembered, of course, that a large proportion of the non-European population were illiterate, and in their case it seemed to him that there was a crying call for greater attention being given to the prevention or if possible the cure for diseases of the eye perhaps more urgent even than the provision of books, and in this connection he commended for the most careful and sympathetic attention the work of the Order of St. John's Eye Hospital in South Africa, emphasised by the estimate that nine-tenths of the incidence of eye diseases to which Natives are susceptible are considered either preventable or curable.

The Judge added that it was almost impossible to over-emphasise the happiness which such an institution as the library for the Blind brings to those who are deprived of the means of reading—to those who are born blind and perhaps even more to those who have enjoyed the gift of sight.

"He that is stricken blind cannot forget

The precious treasure of his eyesight lost."

Those who carried on this work might well say with Job "I was eyes to the blind."

Quoting from the earliest Annual Report (1925) the Judge read the names of the first members of the "Council formed to put the Library on a permanent basis." Mr. M. G. Godlonton (chairman), Mr. T. T. Hoole (Hon. Treasurer), Professor Bodmer, Sir George Cory, Mrs. R. J. Gill, the Rev. Andrew Graham, the Rev. Father Kennedy, the Rev. Andrew Murray, Mrs. F. C. Slater and Miss J. E. Wood. Shortly afterwards Sir George Cory had left for Cape



Town and Mr. C. E. Espin had taken his place and had remained on the Council ever since and that long association must be a matter of pride both to himself and to the Library. Just such another record stood to the credit of Miss Wood. There came to most people an opportunity to make sacrifice for others less fortunately favoured, but there are very few indeed who were prepared to devote their life to serving the stricken; such devotion brought out the finest qualities in human nature, both in spiritual and moral resources, and it was such qualities that the world in its present

condition called for if the gathering forces of evil were to be countered and defeated. If we can look back on 29 years of unceasing endeavour to bring happiness to the afflicted, we may find some measure of consolation for the conditions which may otherwise occasion despair.

Mr. Bond, in moving a vote of thanks to the Judge, said how grateful they were to him for coming and for putting into words what they had all been feeling about the Library and its workers.

Dr. Louw seconded in an apt tribute in Afrikaans.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, GIFTS.

(INCLUDING AMOUNT CREDITED TO CAPITAL FUND)

FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1947

Adams, T. S. Esq..	2	2	0	Bacon, Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Adendorff, Mr. J. C.	1	10	0	Bamford and Athol Frank, Messrs.	1	1	0
African & European Invest- ment Co., Ltd.	10	10	0	Barclay's Bank (D.C. & O)	10	10	0
African Explosives & Chemi- cal Industries, Ltd.,	10	10	0	Barford, Miss Vera	2	2	0
Allen, Mrs.		10	0	Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. H. R.	2	2	0
Alliance Building Society	5	5	0	Barratt, Mrs.	2	0	0
Anderson, J. D. Esq	1	1	0	Barrow, John (Pty), Ltd.	1	1	0
Anglo-American Corpora- tion, S.A., Ltd.	10	10	0	Bateman, Edward L. Esq.	5	0	0
Anglo-Transvaal Consolidat- ed Investment Co., Ltd.	10	10	0	Beatty, G. H., Esq	5	5	0
Anon (Alice)	1	1	0	Bennet, Mrs.	1	1	0
Anon (Grahamstown)	5	0	0	Bentley, Mrs.		2	0
Anon (Grahamstown II.)	1	0	0	Birkett, R. C., Esq	5	1	0
Anon (O)		10	0	Bond, Mrs. Beviss	5	0	0
Anon (Pretoria)	1	5	0	Botha, Miss Antoinette	5	0	0
Arderne, Scott, Timbers Ltd.	2	2	0	Bowen, Sessel & Goudvis, Messrs.	3	3	0
Armstrong, Mrs. Peter		10	6	Brevis, Mr. P. G.		10	0
Arnold, Miss V.	1	10	0	Brevis, Mr. & Mrs.	4	4	0
Aucamp, Miss Connie	1	1	0	Brindley, Mrs.		10	0
Ayliff, Miss Rose		5	0	Brookes, Mrs.		10	0
				Brownstein, Mr. J.	5	5	0
				Brunsdon, Miss S. E.	1	4	6

Bye, Mrs.	1	0	0	Gant, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0
Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. E. D.	2	2	0	Garlicks Interests	1	1	0
Cape Argus	5	0	0	Garnett, Mrs.	1	0	0
Cape Times, Ltd.	10	0	0	Gatland, Mrs.	5	0	0
Carlisle, Miss D.	1	1	0	General Mining & Finance Corp., Ltd.	10	10	0
Central News Agency	10	10	0	H. Gibbon, Esq.	2	2	6
Cheyne, Mr. A.	15	0	0	Glazebrook, Mrs.	10	8	0
Cliffe, C. R. & Neale	10	10	0	Godlonton, Captain B. G.	5	0	0
Clydesdale (Transvaal) Collieries, Ltd.	3	3	0	Godlonton, Miss E.	5	0	0
Cockerton, Mrs.	3	3	0	Godlonton, M. G. Esq. (in memory of D'Urban Godlonton, Lt. S.A.A.F. 12.8.44)	10	0	0
Coetzee, Miss Renzie A	10	0	0	Gordon, Peter	10	0	0
Cohen, Mr. Walter	10	0	0	Gordon, W. Esq.	5	0	0
Corlett (Pty.), Messrs D. F. Ltd.	5	6	0	Graham, Miss E.	1	0	0
Crowster Cloete & Uitlander (3 St. Dunstaners)	5	0	0	Graham, Mrs. M.	1	0	0
Currey, Ewan S., Esq.	5	5	0	Graham, Mrs. Francis	7	6	0
Currie, Mrs. W. A.	10	0	0	Graham, Mrs. Francis (in memory of Lady Graham)	15	6	0
Cuthbert & Co., W. M., Ltd.	10	10	0	Grant, Mrs. St. John	2	2	0
Davies, Miss E. B.	10	0	0	Greaterman's Stores, Ltd.	3	3	0
Davies & Co., Ltd., Hubert	2	2	0	Greathead, Mrs. J. B.	1	1	0
De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd.	25	0	0	Greathead, Miss Juel	5	0	0
De Kock, Mrs.	1	1	0	Greenlees, H. C., Esq.	2	2	0
Dewar, Chas. H., Esq.	2	2	0	Guard, Miss C.	1	0	0
Dick, Mrs. R.	1	0	0	Haldane, J. Esq.	10	0	0
Dixon, Mrs. W. G. (interest from W. Gordon Dixon Trust Fund)	4	0	0	Hall, the Misses A. & G.	2	0	0
Dorman, Long (Africa), Ltd.	5	5	0	Hall, Mrs. Spencer	10	0	0
Douglas, Low & Co.	2	2	0	Hamer, Miss	12	6	0
E. P. Guardian Co.	10	0	0	Hannington, Mrs.	1	0	0
Eccles, Mrs. (for 1946 & 1947)	2	2	9	Hay, Erroll, Esq.	3	3	0
Elder, J. H., Esq.	1	1	0	Henwoods, Ltd.	5	5	0
Elephant Trading (S.A.) Holdings, Ltd.	2	2	0	Hayton, Mrs.	10	0	0
Espin, C. E. Esq.	1	0	0	Herbst, Miss Bertha	10	0	0
Etheridge, The Right Rev. Bishop	1	1	0	Hiscock, F. A.	1	0	0
Evans & Co., Messrs Herbert	2	2	0	Justice	1	1	0
Farrer, E., Esq.	10	0	0	Hoexter, The Hon. Mr.			
Ferguson Bros.	3	3	0	Hofman, Mr. H. A.	2	0	0
Ferreira, Mr. D.	5	0	0	Holmes, Rev. F.	1	1	0
Fitzgerald, Mrs.	4	6	0	Howell, Mrs. & Sisters (in memory of Mrs. E. M. J. Cochran)	30	0	0
Flanagan, P. L., Esq.	2	2	0	Hullah, Mr. & Mrs	2	0	0
Ford, Miss M. J. S.	7	5	0	Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn, Ltd., Messrs	2	2	0
Friel, B. N., Esq.	1	1	0	Immerman, Mr. A.	10	0	0
				Impey, Mr. and Mrs. B. H.	2	0	6
				Jackson, E. L., Esq.	2	2	0

Jagger & Co., Messrs. J. W.	2	2	0	Ossher, Mr. and Mrs. A. M.	1	1	0
Jarmain, Mr. & Mrs.	10	6		Paddon, Mrs.	20	0	0
Johannesburg Consolidated				Palmer, Brig-Gen. C. C.	3	3	0
Investment Co., Ltd. (Bar-				Parker, Mr. Verdun	1	4	0
nato Group of Mines)	10	10	0	Parry, H. A., Esq.	2	2	0
Johnstone & Co., Ltd., W. F.	5	5	0	Parsons, Miss Jane	2	6	
Kahn, Mr. S.	1	7	0	Pears, Miss E. R.	10	0	
Kannemeyer, Mrs.	1	1	0	Playfair, Mrs. E. M.	1	6	
Kelly, Mrs. Wyndham	5	0		Pott, W., Esq.	1	1	0
Kidger, C. E., Esq.	2	2	6	Radford, Mrs.	1	0	0
Lamb, Miss A. F.	2	2	0	Rand Daily Mails, Ltd.	10	0	0
Lancaster, Mrs.	10	0		Randles Bros & Hudson, Ltd.	5	5	0
Lang, Miss D.	1	4		Rand Mines, Ltd.	10	10	0
Leake, C. H., Esq.	1	1	0	Rand Provident Building			
Lefebvre, Mrs.	1	0	0	Society	2	2	0
Lennon, Ltd., Messrs	2	2	0	Ritchie, Mr. T. P.	1	1	0
Leviser, Mrs.	1	4	6	Robb, Mr. D.	6	0	
Lewis, the Hon. Mr. Justice	2	2	0	Reeler, Mrs.	1	1	0
Louw, Mrs.	4	0		Ross, Miss	10	0	
Love, J. MsG., Esq.	10	0	0	Scheuble, Mrs. A. E.	5	5	0
Loxton, Miss	10	0		Schoeman, J. J., Esq.	1	0	0
MacGillivray, C. R. Esq.	1	1	0	Seaton, Miss L. M.	1	0	0
McGillivray, W. M., Esq.	1	1	0	Shearer, Thomas, Esq.	2	2	0
Mackenzie, George, Esq.	2	2	0	Sive Bros. & Karnovsky			
Mackinnon, Mrs.	10	0		(S.A. Druggists) 1946 &			
Macleod, Mrs.	1	0	0	1947	21	0	0
Mailer, Louis M., Esq.	2	2	0	Sleading & Tidmarsh, The			
Mansfield & Co., E.	2	2	0	Misses	1	1	0
Mapham, Mrs. H. M.	1	1	6	Smith, A. N., Esq.	2	2	0
Mardall, Mrs.	1	1	0	Smith, Miss Doris	5	0	
Marshall, H. R. Esq.	2	2	0	Smith, Miss Town	2	10	0
Massey, G. D., Esq.	1	1	0	South African & General			
Mathieson & Ashley, Ltd.	13	5	6	Investment & Trust Co.,			
Matthew. H. M., Esq.	1	0	0	Ltd.	2	2	0
Matthews, Mrs. J. E.	1	0	0	Spilhaus & Co., Wm., Ltd.	5	0	0
Mennie, Mr. R. S.	2	2	0	Sprigg, Miss J.	10	0	
Mosenthal Bros.	3	3	0	Sprighton Philatelists (Pty.)			
Mullins, Miss L. (sale of				Ltd.	1	1	6
rosettes)	12	10	0	Standard Bank of South			
Myburgh, Mrs.	2	0	6	Africa, Ltd.	10	10	0
Natal Building Society (Jo-				Stanley Motors, Ltd.	1	1	0
hannesburg Branch)	5	5	0	"Star." The	10	10	0
Neale, Mrs.	1	0	0	Steinhobel, Miss Mona	3	9	3
New Consolidated Goldfields,	10	0	0	Stewarts & Lloyds, Messrs	25	0	0
Newdigate, Miss F.	1	1	0	Stidolph, Miss	1	0	0
Nicholas, D. L., Esq.	1	0	0	Strachan, Mrs.	1	1	6
Ohlssons Cape Breweries,				Stuttafords & Co., Ltd.,			
Ltd.	2	2	0	Messrs.	1	1	0
O.K. Bazaars	5	5	0	Syfret's Trust Co., Ltd.	5	5	0
Orr, John & Co.	5	5	0	Sumner, Mrs.	8	10	6

Tait, A. A., Esq. ....	31	10	0	D.S.G., Grahamstown (Cornish House) ....	2	0	0
Tarry, Messrs. E. W & Co. ....	5	5	0	Johannesburg High School for Girls, Barnato Park—	10	0	0
Thatcher, Miss ....	1	0	0	V.G.H.S., Macdonald House (proceeds of concert) ....	6	3	0
Thompson, James (Pty.) ....	2	2	0				
Thomson, Samuel, Esq. ....	35	0	0				
Thrupp & Co., Messrs ....	3	3	0				
Tribolet, Mrs. ....	1	0	0				
Twine, Mr. ....	1	0	0				
Unger, F. A., Esq. ....	5	5	0	<b>Societies.</b>			
Union Castle S.S. Co. ....	2	2	0	East London Branch N.H. R.U. (books in memory of Mrs. Carie & Mrs. de Jean) ....	1	10	0
United Building Society	21	0	0	East London Society for Civilian Blind ....	10	5	0
Union Corporation, Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Grahamstown & Eastern Areas Bowling Association ....	22	5	0
Van der Linde, Mr. J. H. ....	10	0	0	Grahamstown Cathedral Lay Council (St. Luke's Day Collection) ....	2	16	3
Van der Spuy, Miss A. ....	10	0	0	Gwatyn-Bolotwa Ladies (per Miss Dicks) ....	10	0	0
Van Dorsten, Miss I. ....	10	0	0	Johannesburg Society for Civilian Blind ....	5	5	0
Van Eyssen, Miss Esme ....	1	0	0	Rhodesian Society for Care of the Blind ....	11	0	0
Van Niekerk, Mr. C. W. ....	10	0	0	Staff. Main Store, Randfontein ....	4	11	6
Van Velden, Mr. A. C. ....	1	1	0				
Van Wyk, Mrs. ....	1	0	0	<b>Public Libraries &amp; Other Collecting Boxes.</b>			
Varder, Mrs. ....	1	0	0	Aliwal North ....	10	16	0
Venter, Mr. E. ....	1	0	0	Bannerman House ....	1	3	6
Vernal, Mrs. ....	1	1	0	Barberton ....	10	0	0
Vincent, Mrs. ....	2	0	6	Benoni ....	1	14	0
Viney, A. D. Esq. ....	2	2	0	Bedford ....	17	0	0
Vyvyan, Mrs. ....	2	2	0	Bloemfontein ....	10	6	0
Wallis, Mrs. J. G. ....	15	0	0	Boksburg ....	6	0	0
Whiteley, P., Esq. ....	5	5	0	Colesberg ....	2	1	0
Wiles, C C., Esq. ....	10	0	0	East London ....	3	2	6
Willmott, Miss F. M. ....	10	6	0	Ermelo ....	1	6	6
Winter-Moore, Mrs. ....	1	1	0	Grahamstown ....	2	13	8
Wood, C. H., Esq. ....	10	6	0	Idutwya (Standard Bank) ....	14	2	0
Wood, Mrs. Henry, ....	1	1	6	Kimberley ....	2	4	0
Worthington, Miss V E. ....	2	0	0	King William's Town ....	12	0	0
Yamey, B. S., Esq. ....	1	1	0	Kokstad ....	1	15	0
Yeomans, Mr. & Mrs. ....	10	6	0	Ladysmith (Natal) ....	1	1	0
				Middelburg (Cape) ....	3	4	3
				Oudtshoorn ....	1	1	0
				Pietermaritzburg ....	2	10	0
<b>Street Collection.</b>							
Grahamstown ....	45	11	5				
<b>Boy Scout &amp; Girl Guide Association.</b>							
Grahamstown Rovers (per Rev. C. Davies) ....	10	0	0				
Molteno Guides & Scouts Association ....	18	0	0				
<b>Schools.</b>							
Anzac Government School, Brakpan ....	3	15	0				
Burt House High School for Girls, Queenstown ....	1	0	0				

Port Alfred .....	2	2	6
Port Elizabeth .....	1	12	6
Pretoria State Library .....	8	5	4
Queenstown .....	2	3	0
Rondebosch .....	1	0	0
Simonstown .....	1	10	0
Uitenhage .....	4	0	0
Umtata .....	15	0	
Wellington .....	2	3	10
Willowvale .....	6	2	6
Witbank Club, Witbank .....	6	15	3
	<u>£1,085</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>

Provincial Councils.	Grant-in-Aid.
Cape Province .....	200 0 0
Transvaal .....	112 10 0
Natal .....	50 0 0
Orange Free State .....	25 0 0

Social Welfare.	Grant-in-Aid.
Social Welfare .....	200 0 0

Municipalities.	
Grahamstown .....	10 0 0
Johannesburg .....	5 0 0
Queenstown .....	2 2 0

Bequests.	
The late George Game, Esq. ....	500 0 0
The late H. J. King, Esq. ....	417 18 9
	<u>917 18 9</u>

Divisional Councils.	
Port Elizabeth .....	10 0 0
Albany .....	5 0 0

Provident Fund.	
Strachan, Mrs. ....	3 0 0
Thomson, S., Esq. ....	25 0 0

### BEQUESTS.

1924. Bannerman Bequest .....	1500 0 0
1930. Carnegie Corporation Grant .....	1200 0 0
1933. Helen Robertson Bequest .....	10 0 0
„ Ellen Wisely Bequest .....	50 0 0
1936. Carnegie Corporation Grant .....	1000 0 0
1937. Bequest—R. H. Struben, Esq. ....	250 0 0
1938. Bequest—E. W. Howard, Esq. ....	250 0 0
„ Bequest—H. E. R. Sherry, Esq. ....	50 0 0
1939. Bequest—Dr. H. E. H. Oakley .....	250 0 0
„ Bequest—Robert Godlonton, Esq. ....	500 0 0
1941. Bequest—E. W. Howard, Esq. ....	50 0 0
1943. Ross Bequest .....	283 7 4
1944. Bequest—Miss J. MsPherson .....	25 0 0
1945. Bequest—W. Herley, Esq. ....	10 0 0
1947. Bequest—H. J. King, Esq. ....	417 18 9
„ Bequest—Geo. Game, Esq. ....	500 0 0





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1. The books are lent free of charge.
2. The books go by post by special rate to any part of the Union.  
(For rates see back of cover.) Books must not be sent by rail.
3. Readers are requested to send a list of books required, and to return each volume as soon as read.
4. A volume may be kept for one month unless needed for study, when, with the permission of the Librarian, it may be kept for a longer period.
5. Readers are asked not to keep magazines or knitting patterns, but to return each one with the book with which it is sent.
6. Readers are begged to take great care of the books, to keep them clean and free from damp, and not to turn down pages.
7. Canvas covers, cardboard covers or strong paper and string are used for packing the books. Readers should pack the books carefully in these for return postage.
8. Readers are begged to let the Librarian know at once of any change of address.
9. Any infectious or contagious illness shall *at once* be notified to the Librarian.
10. Anyone wanting to borrow books should send a letter of reference from a J.P., a clergyman or other well-known person acquainted with them.
11. All letters referring to books, Braille paper, etc., should be addressed to:

THE SECRETARY,  
South African Library for the Blind,  
Grahamstown.

## POSTAL REGULATIONS.

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Papers of any kind, periodicals, and books, impressed or to be impressed in "Braille," or other special type for the use of the blind, when posted within the Union for transmission to a place within the Union, are transmissible at the rate given below, provided that they—

- (a) do not contain any communication, either in writing or printed in ordinary type, except the title and table of contents of the book or periodical and any key to or instructions for the use of the special type, or any enclosure except a label for the return of the packet;
- (b) bear on the outside the inscription "Literature for the Blind," and the name and address of the sender;
- (c) be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends which can easily be removed for examination of the contents;

For a packet not exceeding 3lb. in weight.....	½d.
For a packet exceeding 3lb. and not exceeding 7lb.....	1d.
For a packet exceeding 7lb. and not exceeding 11lb.....	1½d.
For a packet exceeding 11lb. and not exceeding 15lb. 6oz. ..	2d.

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Voice records on discs, styled "Talking Book records," securely packed, are also transmissible at the above rates, provided they are despatched from or addressed to certain recognised institutes for the blind. (Page 33, Post Office Guide, September, 1947.)

# THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, GRAHAMSTOWN

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
SUNDRY CREDITORS				PROPERTY.			
DEVELOPMENT FUND				As at 31st December, 1946	2887	11	8
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND.				Less Depreciation 1%	28	17	7
Balance as at 31st December, 1946	2730	5	1				2858 14 1
Add. Interest	106	10	0	BOOKS AND CASES.			
Society's Contribution	50	0	0	As at 31st December, 1946	783	1	4
Public Donations	28	0	0	Additions during the year	82	3	7
	2914	15	1		865	4	11
Less Withdrawals	180	0	0	Less Depreciation 10%	86	10	6
							778 14 5
STAFF SAVINGS FUND				FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT.			
REPAIRS RESERVE FUND				As at 31st December, 1946	206	5	9
CAPITAL ACCOUNT.				Additions during the year	159	10	0
As at 31st December, 1946	8299	12	7		365	15	9
Add Bequest Estate G. Game	500	0	0	Less Depreciation 7½%	27	8	7
Bequest Estate H. J. King	417	18	9				338 7 2
Gift Books	15	5	0	TALKING BOOK RECORDS AND EQUIPMENT.			
Special Donations	113	6	0	As at 31st December, 1946	938	13	4
	9346	2	4	Additions during the Year	342	13	8
Less Deficit for the Year	142	10	2		1281	7	0
			9203 12 2	Less Depreciation 20%	256	5	5
							1025 1 7
				STOCKS ON HAND.			
				Paper, etc.	3	5	9
				Braille Machines	27	0	0
				Needles	1	15	0
							32 0 9
				SUNDRY DEBTORS.			
				Accrued Grants	212	10	0
				Accrued Interests	46	13	2
							259 3 2
				PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE			3 17 0
				DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENT.			
				S.A. Permanent Building Society:			
				Fixed Deposit			1000 0 0
				INVESTMENTS.			
				United Bldg. Society: Paid-up Shares	1600	0	0
				E.P. Building Society: Paid-up Shares	300	0	0
				S.A. Permanent Building Society:			
				Paid-up Shares	500	0	0
				E.P. Guardian Co. Fixed Deposit	50	0	0
				E.P. Building Society: Fixed Deposit	214	0	0
							2664 0 0
				STAFF PROVIDENT FUND INVESTMENTS.			
				Standard Bank	21	13	3
				P.O. Savings Account	135	1	10
				P.O. Certificates	1000	0	0
				Union Loan Certificates	1575	0	0
							2731 15 1
				STAFF SAVINGS FUND.			
				E. P. Building Society Deposits			222 18 1
				CASH AND BANK BALANCES.			
				Standard Bank. Current Account	317	14	7
				E.P. Bldg. Society. At Call	988	9	6
				E. P. Guardian Co. At Call	282	14	4
				Cash in Hand	8	9	
							1589 7 2
							£13503 18 6
							£13503 18 6

I hereby certify that I have examined the above Balance Sheet of the South African Library for the Blind as at 31st December, 1947, and in my opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the Books of the Society.

10th March, 1948.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

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EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
1947.				
Dec. 31. To	Salaries and Bonuses	1057	7	11
	„ Wages	73	3	6
	„ Rates and Taxes	43	16	8
	„ Advertising, Printing and Stationery	73	13	7
	„ Accountancy	12	0	0
	„ Insurance	11	9	7
	„ Lighting	5	15	2
	„ Repairs, Renewals and Painting	88	6	0
	„ Sundry Expenses	58	8	10
	„ Donations to Institutions	20	0	0
	„ Postages and Stamps	72	7	7
	„ Staff Provident Fund Contribution	50	0	0
	Depreciation:—			
	Property 1%	28	17	7
	Furniture and Equip 7%	27	8	7
	Books, Cases, Etc. 10%	86	10	6
	Talking Book Equip. 20%	256	5	5
		399	2	1
		£1965	10	11

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
1947.				
Dec. 31. By	Donations, Subscriptions and Collections	972	10	2
	„ Rents Receivable	84	0	0
	„ Dept. of Social Welfare	200	0	0
	„ Grants:—			
	Provincial Council:—			
	Natal	50	0	0
	Cape	200	0	0
	O.F.S.	25	0	0
	Transvaal	112	10	0
		387	10	0
	Divisional Council:—			
	Albany	5	0	0
	Port Elizabeth	10	0	0
		15	0	0
	Municipalities:—			
	Johannesburg	5	0	0
	Grahamstown	10	0	0
	Queenstown	2	2	0
		17	2	0
	„ TO INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	146	18	7
	„ DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	142	10	2
		£1965	10	11

